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Attachments: Livestock Establishment.xlsx; GAIN Special Act (KS1609).pdf; KOR 504 ENG TXT.docx; KOR 504 ENG TXT Appendix.docx; nkor504.doc

Dear Colleagues,

On June the 01st, 2015, Korea notified to the WTO "The Enforcement Regulation of the Special Act on Imported Food Safety Control" as SPS/N/KOR/504. Therefore, their newly, proposed draft amendment will apply to any facilities that produce food products including grain, fruit, livestock products, and food packages/equipment.

As part of the implementation of the Special Act on Imported Food Safety Management (Special Act), Korea generated a list of livestock establishments, including dairy plants that have a record of export to Korea, since 1998. The Special Act requires the mandatory registration of foreign facilities including livestock establishments, to minimize trade disruption. The Ministry of Food & Drug Safety (MFDS) recognizes livestock establishments that have a record of export to Korea, since 1998 as registered establishments. Thus, MFDS has also produced the attached list labeled, "Livestock Establishments" to ensure that there aren't any missing establishments or establishments that are no longer in business. If there are corrections, MFDS requested U.S. Stakeholder's to provide corrections no later than March 31, 2016.

Lastly, as this new facility registration requirement will be enforced on August 4, 2016, we are trying our best to inform the relevant industry of this new requirement, so that they can be prepared prior to the enforcement. Although we believe that most of our Stakeholder's have already been contacted and made aware of this issue, we are sending this information out through our STAR system to ensure that no U.S. stakeholder was accidentally overlooked in the process.

For questions or comments, please contact USDA/FAS agseoul@fas.usda.gov.

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